

Comment on the conservation of *Cylindrus* Fitzinger, 1833 (Mollusca, Gastropoda, HELICIDAE)

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I fully support the request by Gittenberger & Bank (BZN 72: 269–273). In my European non-marine mollusc species identification guide (Welter-Schultes, 2012, p. 586) I listed both *Cylindrus* and *Cochlopupa* as candidate generic names for *Pupa obtusa* Draparnaud, 1805 and remarked that *Cylindrus* was preoccupied. Making use of a disclaimer I did not use either one of the two generic names as valid in the sense of the Glossary. I wrote ‘if nothing else interferes I would suggest using *Cochlopupa*’. The option proposed by Gittenberger & Bank to ask the Commission for a solution is better than my own proposal because the usage of *Cylindrus* is much more widespread and the request is in the sense of maintaining the stability of names. *Cylindrus obtusus* is a well-known species in Austria, often used in the literature. Gittenberger & Bank’s efforts in researching the situation in the marine group involved and for thoroughly checking out other possible circumstances should be acknowledged by approving their proposed solution.

Additional references

Welter-Schultes, F.W. 2012. *European non-marine molluscs, a guide for species identification*. A1–A3, 1–679, Q1–Q78 pp. Planet Poster Editions, Göttingen.

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